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Low Cost Illumination-Grade LEDs Enabled by Nitride Epitaxy on 150mm Si

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Epitaxy and Device Characterization:

Wafer Process Development:

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- Project Goal:
 - Demonstrate commercially-competitive warm white LEDs at a reduced cost by growing on a less expensive substrate
- Approach:
 - Evaluate GaN on Si epitaxy by building 1x1 mm² Luxeon Rebels
 - Year 1 and 2 wafer size: 3", Year 3 wafer size: 150mm
 - Include reliability evaluation
- Status
 - Best performance (350mA, 445nm) 484mW, WPE = 40%
 - Wafer fab yield >85%
 - Thin Film processing yield is low because of substrate removal etch
 - Program broadened to include alternate transparent substrates, engineered substrates, wafer level substrate removal
- Next steps
 - 150mm growth on Si to begin in July (start of Year 3)

Epitaxy and Device Results

- ~30% reduction in run-to-run PL wavelength standard deviation
- IQE (450nm, 350mA) = 55 to 60%
- 85 vs 25 °C de-rating factor = 0.94
- Excellent stress control, final bow <20μm, no cracking
- Sheet resistance <40Ω/sq.
- Hero GaN on Si devices are 5% below median controls



